



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**VACANCY NUMBER:** 17-09  
**POSITION TITLE:** Official Court Reporter  
**LOCATION:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**SALARY RANGE:** \$82,854 - \$95,282  
Court Reporters' Rates of Pay (see below)

**OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

**POSITION OVERVIEW:** The Eastern District of Pennsylvania is seeking qualified applicants for the position of a full-time, permanent Official Court Reporter. The position is located in the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court in Philadelphia. Occasional travel within the district may be required. Reports to the Supervisor of Court Reporters.

**REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:**

- An Official Court Reporter will be assigned to cover court proceedings as assigned for active and senior district judges.
- Attending and recording verbatim all proceedings as directed by the court; reading back all or any portion of the court record; reviewing the court calendar and noting the appearance of attorneys, witnesses and the proper spelling of their names; producing transcripts within strict time limitations; billing, delivering and/or mailing official transcripts prepared; certifying and filing with the Clerk of Court original records and a copy of transcripts prepared; covering other courts as needed.
- Incumbents will provide transcripts within the time and cost limitations set by the Judicial Conference; and will concurrently electronically file with the Clerk of Court a copy of all transcripts prepared.
- Must work well under pressure, including extended court and transcription production hours within strict time limitations.
- Work as part of a team of reporters for the judges of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Perform administrative duties as required, such as billing for transcripts, financial and other record keeping, preparation and filing of required Administrative Office reports, and responding to official correspondence and telephone calls.
- All other duties as assigned.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Only applicants meeting the following qualification requirements will be considered:

- Four (4) years of prime stenographic court reporting experience in the freelance field of service, in other courts, or a combination thereof (e.g. depositions, adversary proceedings before a presiding official, grand jury proceedings);
- Successful completion of the Registered Professional Reporter (RPR) exam of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) or United States Court Reporters Association (USCRA);
- Realtime certification is preferred; special consideration will be extended to Registered Professional Reporters and reporters who possess a Certificate of Merit from the NCRA or USCRA;
- Skilled in the use of computer-aided transcription equipment (CAT);
- Possess and provide all necessary personal equipment and software including up-to-date software and hardware used to produce Realtime transcripts in the courtroom.

### **SALARY AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Salary Pay Rate Level 1 (\$82,854):** To qualify for a position of Official Court Reporter, the candidate must be a high school graduate or equivalent, and must possess a minimum of four (4) years prime court reporting experience in the freelance field of service or in other courts or a combination thereof, and have qualified by testing for listing on the registry of professional reporters of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA) or United States Court Reporters Association (USCRA) exam.

**For pay levels above Level 1, the candidate must meet the qualifications in Level 1 and the following:**

**Salary Pay Rate Level 2 (\$86,996):** To qualify for a position of Official Court Reporter, the candidate must be a high school graduate or equivalent, and must possess a minimum of four (4) years prime court reporting experience in the freelance field of service or in other courts or a combination thereof, and have qualified by testing for listing on the registry of professional reporters of the NCRA or USCRA and must possess a Registered Merit Reporter Certificate from the NCRA or USCRA.

**Salary Pay Rate Level 3 (\$91,140):** To qualify for a position of Official Court Reporter, the candidate must be a high school graduate or equivalent, and must possess a minimum of four (4) years prime court reporting experience in the freelance field of service or in other courts or a combination thereof, and have qualified by testing for listing on the registry of professional reporters of the NCRA or USCRA, **and must have successfully completed the certified realtime reporter exam offered by the NCRA or USCRA, or an equivalent exam.**

**Salary Pay Rate Level 4 (\$95,282):** To qualify for a position of Official Court Reporter, the candidate must be a high school graduate or equivalent, and must possess a minimum of four (4) years prime court reporting experience in the freelance field of service or in other courts or a combination thereof, and have qualified by testing for listing on the registry of professional reporters of the NCRA or USCRA or passed an equivalent qualifying exam, **and must (1) possess a Registered Merit Reporter Certificate from the NCRA or USCRA, or successfully passed an equivalent exam and (2) have successfully completed the certified realtime reporter exam offered by the NCRA or USCRA, or an equivalent exam.**

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:** Employees of the Court are excepted service appointments, considered “at-will,” and can be terminated with or without cause. All judiciary employees are required to adhere to the Judicial Code of Conduct. The final candidate will be subject to a background check, which includes fingerprinting. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**BENEFITS:** Employees of the Court are entitled to federal benefits including health insurance, vision and dental insurance, life insurance, long-term care insurance, flexible spending accounts, retirement benefits, participation in Thrift Savings Plan (similar to a 401K plan), paid federal holidays, and paid annual and sick leave.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Qualified applicants must submit the following: (1) a cover letter; (2) a resume; (3) a list of at least three references, with current contact information; (4) copy of NCRA Realtime Certificate or USCRA Realtime Certificate, (5) copy of Merit Certificate (if applying for Salary Pay Rate Level 4), and (6) AO-78 Federal Judicial Branch Application for Employment ([www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov)). Completed applications should be mailed in an envelope marked “Confidential” to the following address:

U.S. District Court  
Eastern District of Pennsylvania  
601 Market Street  
2609 U.S. Courthouse  
Philadelphia, PA 19016  
ATTN: DEANA MAY, Human Resources Administrator

Expenses associated with interviews or relocation will not be reimbursed. Applicants scheduled to interview should advise the Human Resources staff if any accommodation will be necessary.